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THAT SKILL IS A BIT TOO SCARY TO BLOCK
SFX: THUMP
WHA!?
EH! MY CONCEN-TRATED BATTLE AURA IS VANISH-ING...
SFX: SKITTER
THIS IS WHAT NITAK USED EARLIER ...!

SFX: WHUMP
SFX: SMASH
OH SHIT!!
THIS IS GONNA HURT!!

SFX WHOOSH
HEY, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR!
SFX CLATTER
SFX SMASH
NGAH HHH!!
SFX CLATTER
NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO BEAT YOU, IT SEEMS
YOU'RE TOO STRONG MR CROW
"I CAN HOLD MY OWN IN A FIGHT" WAS AN UNDER-STATEMENT
YOU'RE QUITE GOOD BAKI

WAS THAT A WIND SPELL JUST NOW?
YEAH...
IT WAS A MODIFIED VERSION OF GALE
GALE IS NORMALLY USED TO TRANSFORM WIND INTO A SHARP BLADE OR A TORNADO
WHAT I DID WAS TURN WIND ENERGY INTO A FLAT DISK AND SHOOT IT AS A SHOCK WAVE
..I SEE
I HAD NO IDEA YOU COULD USE GALE LIKE THAT...
NOW IT'S MY TURN TO ASK YOU A QUESTION
AH SURE
WHAT WAS THAT SKILL YOU USED? YOUR HANDS WERE GLOWING IN THIS STRANGE LIGHT...
SRY, GRIF

SFX: SHOVE
OOF!!
BAK! ARE YOU OKAY!?
WHAT IT DOES IS GIVE YOU A TEMPORARY BOOST IN ATTACKING POWE-
IT'S CALLED BATTLE AURA
BATTLE AURA
FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN IT
YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE ONE TO GET BLOWN AWAY
IF HE HAD COMPLETELY MASTERED HIS BATTLE AURA.
I KNEW AS SOON AS I SAW HIS FIGHTING STANCE TAKES ME BACK TO THE GOOD OLD DAYS
BUT MAN I DIDN'T THINK HE'D EVEN BE ACQUAINTED WITH SYPHER
NITAK
HURRY UP AND PUT ON SOME CLOTHES
THAT'S HOW STRONG BATTLE AURA IS. YOU'D DO WELL TO REMEMBER IT.

WELL THEN, LET'S GO OVER THE DETAILS OF THE TRIP
HAHA... THANK YOU VERY MUCH
I AGREE WITH ALDA YOU'D BE A GREAT ADDITION TO OUR GROUP
I KNOW I CAN ENTRUST YOU WITH ALL KINDS OF TASKS NOW THAT I'VE SEEN WHAT YOU CAN DO, BAKI
!?
WAIT
NOW ABOUT THE SEA ROUTE WE'RE GOING TO TAKE...
SINCE IT'LL TAKE A FEW DAYS TO PREPARE THE SHIP, YOU SHOULD STOCK UP ON EQUIPMENT AND ITEMS 'TIL THEN
THERE'S ONE MORE THING YOU HAVE TO DO BEFORE WE DEPART
YOUR NAME WAS BAKI, RIGHT?
NO, I'M NOT
WHAT? ARE YOU HERE TO COMPLAIN AGAIN?

FRIENDS!?
SO FIND SOME FRIENDS
THAT'S RIGHT
ONE MORE THING?
AND CREATE YOUR OWN PARTY
PARTY!?

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First part

PORT SELM!
HEY, DADDY
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO!!
WILL YOU BUY ME A TOY?
THAT'S WHAT WAS GOING THROUGH MY MIND AS
THAT MAN JUST NOW WAS A BIT LIKE ME. PAPAS
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I'M ALREADY 33, HUH — OLD ENOUGH TO HAVE A CHILD OR TWO...
I WALKED AROUND PORT SELM! WITH SLAN POSTING WANT ADS ON EVERY WALL.
OKAY
OKAY. LET'S GO TO THE NEXT ONE!
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I FOUND MY WANT AD HAD TURNED OUT GREAT.
LET'S PLAY DQ!!
"WE'RE LOOKING FOR ADVENTURERS!!"
JOIN US AND BECOME AN ADVENTURER WITH US! IT'S EVERY YOUNG MAN AND WOMAN'S DREAM! A NATURAL WORKPLACE (AS IN THE FIELD MAP) AND A MERRY PARTY (AS IN MORE THAN TWO PEOPLE) WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU
PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE ISN'T NECESSARY (HOWEVER PEOPLE WHO ARE GOOD AT MAGIC ARE PREFERRED)
SALARY IS NEGOTIABLE!
NOW, COME AND GO ON AN ADVENTURE WITH US!
SFX: THUD
ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS WAIT. HUH?
PHEW, THAT WAS ALL OF THEM

FRIENDS, HUH
Let's play, DO!
!!?
AND CREATE MY OWN PARTY?
FIND SOME FRIENDS
RESIDES, YOU'LL BE TOO BUSY PROTECTING THAT KID TO BET ANY-WHERE
THE MONSTERS OVER THERE ARE ON A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LEVEL THAN THE ONES HERE
YEAH EVEN IF WE MAKE IT TO THE AILARA CONTINENT, IT WON'T BE EASY FOR YOU TO GET TO BRAN-VANIA
OH, OKAY
WE'LL HAVE TO TURN BACK AS SOON AS WE'VE DROPPED YOU OFF, BAC!
HE'S GOT A POINT IF IT'D BEEN FOR US, WE'D HAVE READLY HELPED YOU REACH BRAN-VANIA TOO. BUT WE HAVE OUR OWN MATTERS TO ATTEND TO

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT WHEN I SAW YOU MOVE LIKE THAT
EHP AH, YES
WELL... DON'T GET ME WRONG, I'M NOT SAYING THAT YOU'RE WEAK
THAT SKILL AND THE MOVES EARLIER... DID SYPHER TEACH YOU?
SO HE KNOWS SYPHER TOO...
CAN YOU USE MAGIC?
WITHOUT SOMEONE TO GUARD YOUR BACK YOU'RE DEAD MEAT IF THEY MANAGE TO SURROUND YOU
YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THEM ONE ON ONE BUT THE MONSTERS THERE OFTEN ATTACK IN GROUPS
I SEE...
IN OTHER WORDS YOU'RE DUMB AS A BRICK
A LITTLE
BUT I DON'T HAVE MUCH MP...
A WIZARD WOULD BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH A GROUP OF MONSTERS AT ONCE
IN THAT CASE A WIZARD WOULD BE GOOD
GO FIND YOURSELF A WIZARD FRIEND

I FOUND THIS CHECK INSIDE THE ENVELOPE FROM NILAM CASH IT IN AT A BANK
UMM I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY LEFT
ALSO CHECK OUT THE TAVERN VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE PERFECT, BUT IF YOU CAN'T FIND ANY HIRE SOME MERCE-NARIES
POST WANT ADS EVERYWHERE IN TOWN THAT'S HOW THEY DO IT IN PORT SELMI
BUT HOW AM I SUP-POSED TO
I LOST THE BET. IT JUST WOULDN'T BE RIGHT FOR ME TO TAKE HIS MONEY
I'LL COVER THE TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THIS TRIP MYSELF
THE LETTER SAID IT WAS TO COVER ALL THE EXPENSES OF THE TRIP... BUT YOU CAN HAVE IT
YES
TRY TO FIND SOMEONE OF A SUF-FICIENTLY HIGH LEVEL THOUGH
BY THE WAY
?
HOW DID YOU GET MY CRANKY BROTHER TO LIKE YOU?
WHAT KIND OF MAGIC DID YOU USE? IT'S NOT LIKE HIM TO BE SO CONCERNED ABOUT OTHERS
ERR IT'S A LONG STORY

HM ?
NO ONE'S COMING
SINCE SHE USED TO SPAR WITH ME WHEN WE WERE IN ALCAPA SHE CAN FIGHT TO A CERTAIN EXTENT BUT THE ONLY MAGIC SPELLS SHE KNOWS ARE SUPPORT SPELLS
WELL, IN ANY CASE WE COULD REALLY USE A NEW TRUSTWORTHY PARTY MEMBER
A HORNED RABBIT!
WHAT ARE YOU DRAWING?
SLAN LOOKS LIKE A CHILD, BUT SHE'S STRONG AS HELL.
NO YOUNG PEOPLE WHO DREAM OF BECOMING ADENTURERS IN SIGHT
WAIT, SHOULD I HAVE USED A DIFFERENT DESIGN?
LET'S PLAY DOLL
HOWEVER THE OVERALL INTEREST IN MY WANT AD SEEMS TO BE IN INVERSE PROPORTION TO ITS AWESOMENESS
WHOA! YOU'RE REALLY GOOD SLAN!!
SO COLD ...
I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE, PLEASE, SOMEONE, ANYONE, COME
AH
HEHE !!

WHAT IS THAT?
BAK!
AH?
OH CRAP, IT'S JUST POO
!!
IT'S HORSE DUNG. HORSE CARRIAGES PASS THROUGH HERE OFTEN
A PUN?
OH! WAS THAT A PUN?
...BAK!
OH...!!
AHH IT'S ALL MASHED UP NOW SHIT!!
MAN IT'S HARD TO MOVE THIS HORSE DUNG WITH A PIECE OF WOOD
SFX. SCRATCH
THE JOKE ?
YEAH POINT OUT WHAT'S FUNNY ABOUT IT
YOU NEED TO LOOK FOR WORDS THAT SOUND ALIKE I'LL SAY A PUN NOW AND YOU EXPLAIN WHAT THE JOKE IS ALRIGHT?
NOW LISTEN CAREFULLY SLAM, IT'S LIKE A PLAY ON WORDS THAT MAKES OTHERS LAUGH

SFX: SQUEEZE
SINCE WHEN DID YOU GET SO CHEEKY !?
UGH
NO! HOW IS THAT A PUN!?
I THINK THE JOKE IS THAT YOU'RE 33 AND STILL PLAYING WITH POO
UHN
FOSFOS FOS!!
I'M HERE TO APPLY FOR THE JOB—
UMM
!?

Appendix:

Characters in chapter 3:

Baki

Slan

Captain Craw

Arda

Nitak

Sypher

Yuuji Harii

Otaku wizard

Mansters in chapter 3:

Horned Rabbit (Bunicorn)

Spells in chapter 3:

- Gale (Waash)

Skills in chapter 3:

- Battle Aura

Lacatians in chapter 3:

- Salabana (Mastraferrata)
- Granvania (Gatha)
- Part Selmi (Ladestar Harbaur)